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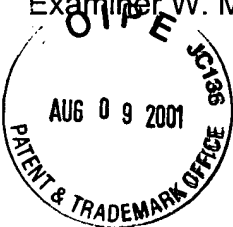
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Art Unit 2811

Application of Robert J. Falster
Serial No. 09/366,850
Filed August 4, 1999
Confirmation No. 3575
For NON-UNIFORM MINORITY CARRIER LIFETIME DISTRIBUTIONS
IN HIGH PERFORMANCE SILICON POWER DEVICES
Examiner W. Mintel



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AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
SIR:

In response to the Office action dated April 9, 2001, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the second paragraph on page 2, beginning at line 6 with:

It is known in the art that doping semiconductor devices with lifetime killing impurities (i.e., recombination centers such as gold or platinum) results in an increase in the recombination rate when the device is turned off, and thus an increase in the switching speed as well. (See, e.g., V. Temple and F. Holroyd, "Optimizing Carrier Lifetime Profile for Improved Trade-off Between Turn-off Time and Forward Drop," IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices, ed. 23, pp. 783-790 (1983).) In the past, such impurity doping has typically been applied to large areas of the device, even throughout the entire bulk of the device. This approach has resulted in significant decreases in the device turn-off time. However, accompanied with this improvement is an increase in device forward voltage drop. Similar results have been obtained when alternative methods of "lifetime killing" have been employed, including electron, proton and gamma radiation, throughout the bulk of the device.

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